

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM	DOCKET NOS. TF-01-152 WRU-01-29-265
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ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING WAIVER

(Issued June 28, 2001)

On May 30, 2001, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed a proposed tariff for approval by the Utilities Board (Board) that removes directory assistance service from its tariffs. The proposed tariff was identified as Docket No. TF-01-152. Iowa Telecom also filed a request that the Board waive the requirement in 199 IAC 5.7 that Iowa Telecom file a deregulation accounting plan for directory assistance service. The waiver request was identified as Docket No. WRU-01-29-265.

The Board on February 23, 2001, issued an order in Docket No. INU-00-3 granting a petition filed by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), to deregulate directory assistance service. In the order the Board found that directory assistance service is subject to effective competition and will be deregulated upon removal from a utility's tariff. The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff filing and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Board rules on form and content. The Board will approve the proposed tariff based upon the decision in Docket No. INU-00-3.

Iowa Code § 476.1D and rule 199 IAC 5.7 require that a utility seeking to deregulate a service must file a deregulation accounting plan for Board approval. Iowa

Telecom requests the Board waive this requirement for the deregulation of directory assistance service. The Board has approved a similar request in Docket No. WRU-99-8-272 for Qwest. In that docket the Board found that Qwest operated under a price regulation plan and a deregulation accounting plan would serve no purpose.

The Board will grant the waiver requested by Iowa Telecom on the same basis that it granted the waiver to Qwest. Iowa Telecom also operates under a price regulation plan, and since its rates are not based upon the current cost of providing service, a deregulation accounting plan would serve no purpose.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proposed tariff filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, on May 30, 2001, to remove directory assistance service from its tariffs is approved.
2. The request to waive 199 IAC 5.7 filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, on May 30, 2001, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of June, 2001.